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SUBJ: EC FOOD AID FOR EGYPT AND EGYPTIAN WHEAT UMR

REF (A) BRUSSELS 3048, (B) CAIRO 5224, (C) CAIRO 5158,

- 1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REF A, MISSION CAIRO AGAIN CONTACTED MINSUPPLY (DR MIKAWI) SINCE INFO THEREIN CONCERNING EC PROPOSAL FOR EGYPTIAN WHEAT UMR OF 2.7 MILLION TONS DURING PERIOD JULY 77 JUNE 78 INCONSISTENT WITH REPORTED AGREEMENT BY GOE TO UMR OF 2.5 MILLION DURING SAME PERIOD (SEE REF B).
- 2. MIKAWI APPEARED TO BE SHOCKED THAT EC WAS STILL PROPOSING UMR OF 2.8 MILLION TONS. HE CLAIMED THAT EC OFFICIALS PROPOSED THAT LEVEL DURING RECENT VISIT CAIRO BUT DROPPED THE MATTER WHEN MIN TEWFIK OBJECTED AND INDICATED INSTEAD THAT GOE COULD ACCEPT 2.5 MILLION. HOWEVER, MIKAWI DID NOT FEEL THAT EVEN THE LOWER FIGURE WAS BINDING AND STATED THAT GOE WOULD REQUEST REDUCTION IN UMR TO 2.0 MILLION TONS FOR BOTH JULY 77AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JUNE 78 AND ALSO US FY78. HE TOOK ATTITUDE THAT MIN TEWFIK'S MENTIONOF 2.5 MILLION TONS WAS MAERLY NEGOTIATING POINT BUT COULD NOT EXPLAIN TO SATISFICATION OF MISSION OFFICER HOW GOE COULD REALISTICALLY EXPECT EC TO AGREE TO SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER FIGURE AFTER GOE HAD INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OF 2.5 MILLION TONS.

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